

REMARKS

Claims 2-11 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been canceled. New claims 2-11 find support throughout the pending specification as well as in the claims appearing in the originally filed parent patent application. As an example, the Examiner's attention is directed to page 34, line 33 through page 36, line 14 as well as page 33, lines 7-35.

Previously pending claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as well as the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory double patenting. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are now moot in view of the newly submitted claims, which do not suffer from these deficiencies. Withdrawal of the rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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